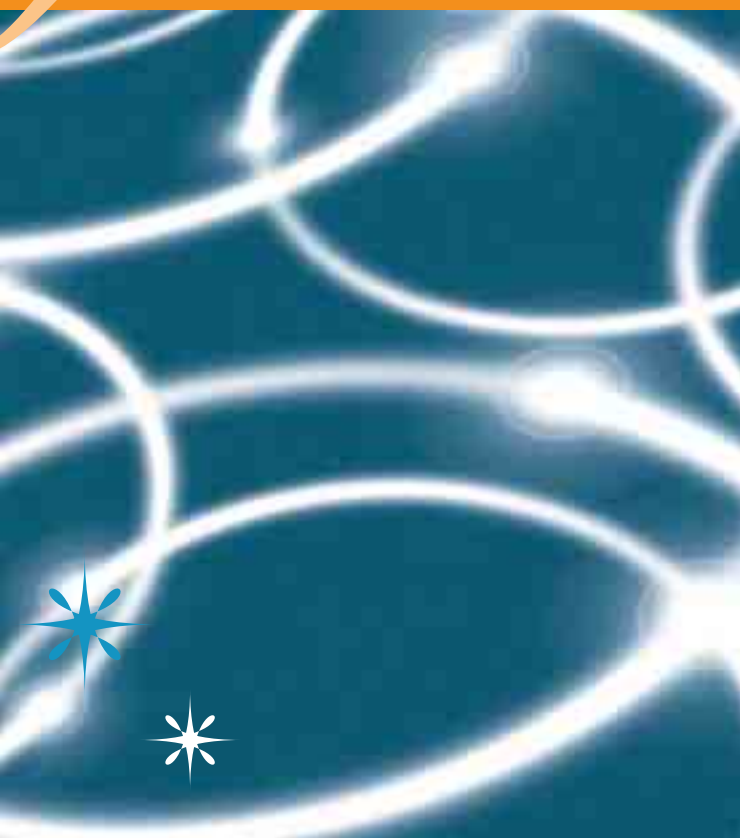




## A GUIDE TO CREATIVE GIFT-GIVING A CULTURAL MAP OF BOSTON

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CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, TICKETS, MEMBERSHIPS, MERCHANDISE, DONATIONS AND MORE. CREATIVE SHOPPING IS A GREAT WAY TO GIVE-AND A GREAT WAY TO GIVE BACK. CREATIVE GIFTS SUPPORT LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURE. SO YOU ARE NOT ONLY GIVING A SPECIAL AND MEMORABLE GIFT YOU ARE SUPPORTING OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY—HOME TO OVER 300 CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS. THINK CREATIVE AND SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE ORGANIZATION THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS...

### GIVE A CREATIVE GIFT

Art@Night greeting cards and a video featuring May Kocol's Flashlight Photography Workshop with Jamaica Plain kids. \$11.95 and \$13.95 for the video. Purchase on line at [www.amearts.org/buy.html](http://www.amearts.org/buy.html)

*Garden of Memories: A Guide to Historic Forest Hills* by Susan Wilson gives the history of the art on display and the important people buried at Forest Hills Cemetery and brings to life the history of the past 150 years. \$10. 617.524.0128, x22. [www.foresthillstrust.org](http://www.foresthillstrust.org)

A boxed set of two mugs featuring portraits of John and Abigail Adams and quotes from their letters. The Bostonian Society, 206 Washington Street, Boston. 617.720.1713. [www.bostonhistory.org](http://www.bostonhistory.org)

Snappy Dance's exciting collaboration with photographer Wendy Richmond has resulted in *overneath*, a book of photographs that was created during a six-month period of physical dialogue between people, props and a camera. Purchase on line at [www.snappydance.com/index2.html](http://www.snappydance.com/index2.html)

A 2003 calendar of original artworks created by artists from VSA arts. \$7.50 China Trade Center, Two Boylston Street, 2nd floor, Boston. 617.350.7713. Purchase on line at [www.vsamass.org](http://www.vsamass.org)

*Gloria*, a holiday CD, that includes traditional and new holiday music for chorus, brass and organ by the Boston Gay Men's Chorus. \$16. 617.424.8900. [www.bgmc.org/purch\\_cds.php](http://www.bgmc.org/purch_cds.php)

A First Night Button is your "ticket" to exciting events and interactive exhibits at over 40 indoor venues. Buttons and free Official Program guides are sold at over 250 locations starting December 1st and are also available online. \$15. [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org)

*Chinese In Massachusetts; Their Experiences and Contributions* a book by Doris Chu chronicles the extraordinary history of the Chinese people in Massachusetts. \$15. Purchase on line at [www.internationalsociety.org/html/Chinese-in-MA-bk.htm](http://www.internationalsociety.org/html/Chinese-in-MA-bk.htm)

Tickets to IMAX, 3D films of *Into the Deep* or *Cirque du Soleil: Journey of Man* at the New England Aquarium. [www.neaq.org](http://www.neaq.org). Tickets start at \$9.50. Purchase on line at [www.museumtix.com](http://www.museumtix.com)

Diva and "Diva in Training" t-shirts from the Boston Lyric Opera Boutique. Pens, umbrellas, scarves and mugs can be purchased on line at [www.blo.org/downloads/boutique\\_order.pdf](http://www.blo.org/downloads/boutique_order.pdf). BLO Audience Services, 617-542-6772

### GIVE MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Membership to the Children's Museum is a gift that will be enjoyed throughout the whole year and includes free admission to the Museum for 12 months and to over 200 science museums worldwide. Discounts in the Museum Shop and for Birthday Parties. Basic memberships start at \$45. 617.426.6500, x479. [www.bostonkids.org](http://www.bostonkids.org)

A Ford Hall Forum membership fosters civic dialogue through the presentation of free public lectures. Programs and newsletter mailings, reserved seats at programs, invitations to events and 10% off books sold at the programs. \$35. [www.fordhallforum.neu.edu/membership](http://www.fordhallforum.neu.edu/membership)

An ACT Roxbury membership supports the Roxbury Film Festival, Roxbury Open Studios, courses, "art tours" and staged readings. Roxbury Literary Annual, Roxbury Film Festival Posters and t-shirts can be purchased on line at [www.actroxbury.org](http://www.actroxbury.org). Memberships range from student/senior at \$25 to patron at \$55. 617.541.3900, x233.

*A Boston by Foot* membership gives free admission to all regular walking tours, half-price to special tours and invitations to continuing education events for docents and members. Tours include the Heart of the Freedom Trail, Beacon Hill, Victorian Back Bay, the South End and more. Memberships start at \$25. 617.367.2345. [www.bostonbyfoot.com](http://www.bostonbyfoot.com)

A membership to the Society of Arts and Crafts, the oldest non-profit craft organization in the country, supports the Excellence in Crafts Award, craft tours, the Craft Guide for central New England and promotes the work of over 400 craft artists working in clay, wood, glass, fiber and metal. Handcrafted gifts at the 175 Newbury Street location. Memberships start at \$45. 617.266.1810. [www.societyofcrafts.org](http://www.societyofcrafts.org)

Support America's cultural heritage with a donation on behalf of a friend to the Paul Revere House or buy a membership that includes free admission to Paul Revere House and discounts on museum gift shop items and Revere House Gazette, the museum's quarterly newsletter. Memberships start at \$15. [www.paulreverehouse.org/members.html](http://www.paulreverehouse.org/members.html)

Membership to the National Center of Afro-American Artists includes free admission to exhibitions, openings and special events. The museum, housed in a neo-Gothic mansion of Roxbury puddingstone and Nova Scotia sandstone, has changing exhibitions. Memberships start at \$35. 617.442.8014.

A membership for jazz lovers to the New England Jazz Alliance includes a one-year subscription to *Quarter Notes* magazine and a membership card to discounts at Scullers Jazz Club and Stereo Jack's record shop. For kids a purchase of the CD *Jazz for Kids* featuring Lisa Yves and her Young Beboppers. \$5. Membership is \$30. 617.567.6354. [www.nejazz.org](http://www.nejazz.org)

Dreams of Freedom Museum membership brings to life an exciting multi-media attraction about the city's history over the last three centuries, exploring the dreams of millions of immigrants who enriched Boston. 617.338.6022. [www.dreamsoffreedom.org](http://www.dreamsoffreedom.org)

### GIVE CRAFT AND ORIGINAL ART

Healing & Arts Studio, offers fine art and craft from over 30 local artists and artisans. Also home of Dream Weaver Herbals, Lilly's Art & Framing and World Bead & Design. 731 Harrison Avenue, Boston. 617.859.9561. [www.healingandarts.org](http://www.healingandarts.org)

*Small Works*, the holiday signature event at the Copley Society, America's oldest non-profit organization representing over 500 artists, offers over 1000 small paintings, photographs, prints and sculptures. 158 Newbury Street, Boston. 617.536.5049. [www.copleysociety.org](http://www.copleysociety.org)

Beautiful blown glass ornaments from the artists working in Boston's only hot shop. Diablo Glass & Metal, 123 Terrace Street, Boston. 617.442.7444. [www.diabloglassandmetal.com](http://www.diabloglassandmetal.com)

Books, puzzles, and games including the Mapparium Journal, about the Mary Baker Eddy Library's 3-story stained glass globe that depicts the world as it was in 1934 \$9.95. Mary Baker Eddy Library Shop, 200 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston or at 1.800.488.8009. [www.marybakereddylibrary.org](http://www.marybakereddylibrary.org)

Original paintings, photography and sculpture at a new gallery in Roxbury. Gallery G, 195 Dudley Street, Roxbury, 617.442.2745

Original watercolors and drawings from the Kaji Aso Studio. Raku and pit fired vessels, notepaper and cards and t-shirts in Japanese sumi-painting style. Various Prices. 40 Stephen Street, Boston. 617.247.1719 [www.kajiasostudio.com](http://www.kajiasostudio.com)

### GIVE CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

The Painted Poem, a class at "Dot Art", the Dorchester Community Center for the Visual Arts, explores painting haikus. Combine your love for making art with your love of music and performance and create giant puppets that will perform to music on New Year's Eve as part of Boston's First Night celebration! 617.825.3329. [www.dotart.org](http://www.dotart.org)

Workshops, classes, backstage tours and walk-ons for urban children and families are being offered by City Stage Co. where original works have taught audiences about safety, life aboard whaling ships, the cardiopulmonary system, kids in Japan, and how weather systems are formed. 617-542-2291. [www.citystage.org](http://www.citystage.org)

Music classes during the Spring term for kids from 6 months to 6 years at the Community Music Center. Classes include a 15-week session for tiny kids, 6 to 24 months starting at \$260 plus registration fee. 617.482.7494, x31. [www.cmcb.org](http://www.cmcb.org)

A beginning film acting class at Actors Workshop that teaches acting and performance techniques for the camera using actual television scripts, screenplays, commercial copy and soap scripts. Classes are \$375. 617.423.7313. [www.actorsworkshopboston.com](http://www.actorsworkshopboston.com)

Gift Certificates for ballet, jazz, hip hop and video dance classes for adults at the Jeanette Neill Dance Studios known for providing personalized and comprehensive dance training to both professional, recreational and novice dancers. Single classes are \$11 and multiple classes are discounted. 617.523.1355 [www.jndance.com](http://www.jndance.com)

BOSTON NOW IS YOUR "NEIGHBOR IN THE KNOW", A PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES, CELEBRATES AND SUPPORTS THE RICH CULTURAL LIFE THROUGHOUT THE 19 NEIGHBORHOODS OF BOSTON. AS THE WINTER CHILL SETTLES IN AND YOU PREPARE FOR THE SEASON OF GIVING, THE CITY OF BOSTON INVITES YOU TO SHOP CREATIVELY WITH THIS GUIDE. THIS WINTER LET OUR BOSTON NOW CALENDAR CONNECT YOU TO MANY OF THE FUN AND FREE CULTURAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY. PICK UP YOUR COPY NOW AT BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES, CITY HALL, NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPS AND OTHER LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

## DISCOVER BOSTON NOW!

### Make a Tax-Deductible Donation in the Name of a Friend or Relative:

Act Roxbury Consortium 617.541.3900, x222  
Arts & Business Council 617.570.8346  
Arts In Progress 617.427.9312  
Boston Dance Alliance 617.482.4588  
Boston Photo Collaborative 617.524.7729  
Boston Youth Moves 617.523.1355  
Cooperative Artists Institute 617.524.6378  
Dorchester Community Center for the Visual Arts 617.825.3329  
Greater Boston Cultural Network 617.742.1836  
La Pinata: Latin American Families Cultural Network 617.635.8187  
Partners for Youth with Disabilities 617.556.4075  
Stage Source 617.720.6066  
Topf Center for Dance Education 617.482.0351  
Urban Arts Institute 617.879.7971  
Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts 617.350.7600  
VSA Arts of Massachusetts 617.350.7713  
Zumix 617.568.9777

In addition to the creative gift ideas mentioned here, consider giving tickets as a gift this holiday season. Arts/Boston's BosTix booths are great places to purchase half-price, day of show tickets to performances around the city.

### For more information:

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